

KENTUCKY SCHOOL LIBRARY MEDIA NEWS

A QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER FOR
KENTUCKY SCHOOL LIBRARY MEDIA SPECIALISTS

Save the Date!



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February 28, 2015

Boone County High School

Click [here](#) for information.



KySTE

March 4-6, 2015

Louisville

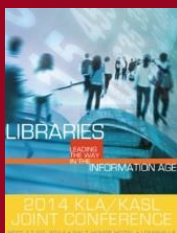
Click [here](#) for information.



KASL Summer Refresher

July 14, 2015

McCracken County



KLA/KASL Joint Fall Conference

September 16-19, 2015

Louisville

Click [here](#) for information.

KENTUCKY LIBRARIANS HAVE NATIONAL INFLUENCE

Kentucky school librarians are leaders across the country and represent us on national level committees, present to national audiences, and win national awards and recognitions. Below are just a few of the examples of leadership in Kentucky.

Jessica Holmes, Westridge Elementary librarian, won the coveted Carnegie Corporation of New York/New York Times "I Love My Librarian" award for 2014.

Terri Grief, McCracken County High School librarian, serves as president for the American Association of School Librarians during 2014-15.

Heidi Neltner, Johnson Elementary School librarian, recently presented a session for Connected Librarians' Day ("Your Stakeholder Connected Librarian Toolkit").

Julie Harris, Raceland High School librarian, is a frequent contributor to *Library Media Connection*.

Congratulations to the following KY school librarians who recently achieved National Board Certification for Library Media. Kentucky has 84 active librarians who have obtained their National Board Certification for Library Media.

Melinda Caldwell, Woodford County

Angelia Jones, Calloway County

Kelly Locker, Graves County

Jessica Thomas, Jefferson County

Tracie Graves, Jefferson County

Heidi Keairns, Jefferson County

Julie Rightley, Jefferson County

Congratulations, also, to first-year librarian **Kimberly Curry** (Jefferson County) who received her National Board Certification in Literacy: Reading/Language Arts in 2014.

Kentucky has many other examples of leadership and participation at the national, as well as state level, from conference attendance to committee involvement. Thank you to all who represent our state so well!

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OPGES Observation Guidance

Be sure to review the Pilot Observation Guidance Document, Pilot Observation Forms, and other resources on the webpage specific to the OPGES Observation Process:

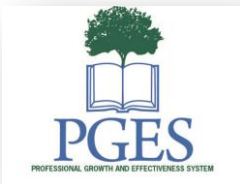
<http://education.ky.gov/teachers/PGES/otherpages/Pages/OPGES-Observation.aspx>



The OPGES Peer Observation webpage has a video (click image to the right of this column) to provide guidance in the Peer Observation process, including how to record information in CIITS.

OPGES Student Voice Survey

District PGES contacts received questions for the OPGES Student Voice Survey for pilot participants for use during the spring (January – March 25). The questions for OPGES are different from the questions included in the Student Voice Survey for classroom teachers (TPGES). School librarians in the pilot should be using the Student Voice Survey for OPGES only. Librarians not in the OPGES pilot should not participate in a Student Voice Survey for TPGES (classroom teachers) since the questions for that survey are not specific to the roles of Other Professionals, including librarians. If your district required Other Professionals to complete the TPGES Student Voice Survey, please note the results will not be accurate and are not to be used for personnel decision factors.



For more information about the OPGES Student Voice Survey, visit the OPGES Student Voice Survey webpage:

<http://education.ky.gov/teachers/PGES/otherpages/Pages/OPGES-Student-Voice-Survey-Page.aspx>



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Student Voice Survey data is used by Other Professionals to reflect on their daily practices and the learning environment.

Observers for School Librarians use the **LMS Framework** to guide their observation.

MIRROR, MIRROR ON THE WALL

BY KATHY MANSFIELD, LIBRARY MEDIA/TEXTBOOKS
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Peer observations are one of the multiple sources of evidence for Kentucky's Professional Growth and Effectiveness System. Surprisingly, many teachers seem to be leery of colleagues observing their classroom. I don't know if that fear reflects confidence issues, content issues, or collaboration issues, but the uneasiness is real.

For school librarians, much of the concern centers on the word "peer." Does a peer mean a fellow certified teacher in the building, or does peer mean another school librarian? Most of the librarians who have contacted me about the upcoming process want a school librarian to be their peer observer. They feel that a fellow librarian understands what is being seen and heard during the observation better than a non-librarian.

Realistically, finding a "peer" for every school librarian in our state might be a logistics nightmare. My hope is that librarians will see the peer observation as just what it is -- an *observation* -- not an *evaluation* of what is observed. Peer observers act as mirrors. They are not there to suggest changes; they are there to show the obvious. A mirror cannot change a person; it can only show what is already there. The person can choose to act on what he or she sees in the mirror, or not. Likewise, a peer observer's purpose is not to provide constructive feedback or suggest changes. The peer observer records what he or she sees and hears. The one being observed can choose to act on what was reflected in the observation, or not.

If I had my choice, would I want a peer observer to be someone in my exact job category? Sure. But, perhaps being observed by someone *not* in my job category will give me new insight into routines and practices that could use some refreshing.

Look for reflections in the spring issue of this newsletter from two school librarians who participated in the OPGES Peer Observation.



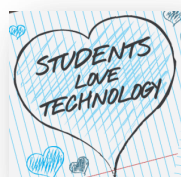
Volunteer to be a Peer Observer for your district!
Peer Observer training is available through CIITS and KET.

Participate in a Professional Learning Community
Join others in the OPGES Pilot to talk about your experiences.

OPGES Google Group: Contact [**Heidi Neltner**](#)

Read Across America Day

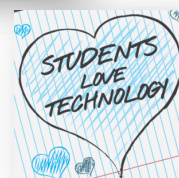
March 2, 2015

Click [here](#) for resources.**Digital Learning Day**

March 13, 2015

Click [here](#) for information.**Teen Tech Week**

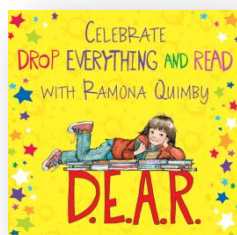
March 8-14, 2015

Click [here](#) for information.**KY Literacy Celebration**

March 16-20, 2015

Click [here](#) for more information.**School Library Month (April)**Click [here](#) for resources.

**national
poetry month**

National Poetry Month (April)Click [here](#) for resources.**National D.E.A.R. Day**

April 12, 2014

Click [here](#) for resources.**Kentucky Bluegrass Award**

Votes due April 1, 2015

Click [here](#) for resources.**National Library Week**

April 12-18, 2015

Click [here](#) for resources.

For more information about library celebration weeks and promotional events, visit: <http://www.ala.org/conferencesevents/celebrationweeks>



Kentucky Summer Reading (June-August 2015)

KASL AWARD WINNERS 2014



Outstanding School Media Librarian
Janet Wells, Rockcastle County HS



Barby Hardy Lifetime Achievement Award
Diane Goodwin



School Library Website Award
Jessica Holmes, Westridge Elementary



Donna Hornsby Joint Technology Project Award
6th Grade Virtual Zoo/Butler Co MS (Librarian: Latisha Cardwell)



Student Technology Award
Ngoc Nguyen, Warren Elementary
(Librarian: Renee Hale)



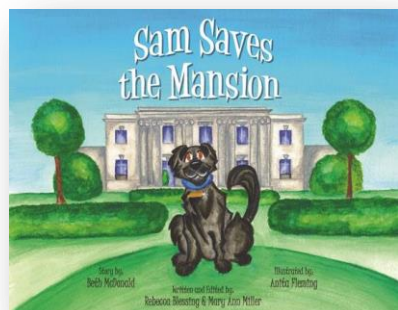
Service Award for School Administrators
Greg Quenon, Henry Clay HS
(Pictured with: Amanda Hurley, Librarian;
Not pictured: Janie Cantrell, Librarian)

KASL: Kentucky Association of School Librarians
Visit their website here: www.kasl.us

Did you know that Kentucky's own **Terri Grief**, librarian at Reidland High School in Paducah, is the 2014-15 President of the **American Association of School Librarians** (AASL)?



KDE STAFF PUBLISH CHILDREN'S BOOK



Sam Saves the Mansion, written and edited by KDE's Becky Blessing and Mary Ann Miller with illustrations by Anita Fleming and back cover photography by Amy Wallot, combines First Lady Jane Beshear's love for animals and her passion for historic preservation in a delightful and informative story of Sam and Tory, two of her dogs. The First Lady, a former teacher, requested the book be produced as an educational resource for young Kentuckians in celebration of the centennial of the Kentucky Governor's Mansion in 2014. It was made possible through support from the Kentucky Executive Mansion Foundation Inc. While the book is currently not for sale, one complimentary copy was sent to every elementary school and public library in the state.

MEET THE BOOK'S CREATORS

Writer and Editor of Sam Saves the Mansion

Rebecca Blessing, a native of Peoria, Ill., is an award-winning journalist of more than 30 years. After graduating with a Bachelor's Degree in Journalism and Mass Communication from Iowa State University, she worked in broadcasting in Des Moines, Iowa; Asheville, N.C.; Reno, Nevada; and Miami, Florida. For the past 15 years, she has worked with the Kentucky Department of Education and is currently the Director of Communications. Blessing has a son who attends the University of Kentucky. She lives in Lexington with her adopted dog, an apricot Maltese-poodle-terrier mix named Nelly, for whom she has provided a forever home.

Writer and Editor of Sam Saves the Mansion

Mary Ann Miller is currently the Executive Director of the Kentucky Board of Education and policy advisor to the commissioner of education. She has worked in various positions at the Kentucky Department of Education for over 27 years, and prior to that was a teacher at the elementary, middle and high school levels in Kentucky and Pennsylvania. Miller also was a national consultant/product manager in reading/language arts with McGraw-Hill publishers for five years while living in Oklahoma. Two of her passions are reading and a love of dogs, particularly West Highland Terriers and Miniature Schnauzers.



Mary Ann Miller and Anita Fleming

Illustrator of Sam Saves the Mansion

Anita Fleming has been employed with the Kentucky Department of Education for five years and has been a freelance artist for 10 years. Her artwork has been featured in Frankfort businesses such as G's Studios and Capital Cellars Wine and Spirits Café Market. Her first published illustration was in third grade, when she illustrated the cover of a United Way cookbook. Her mediums of choice are acrylic on canvas, and watercolor.

Story Creator

Beth McDonald is a home school mom who lives in Frankfort, KY with her husband, Mike, her three children, Dan, Ben and Maggie, and her dog, Lady Bug. Most of Beth's published work was done as a writer for the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife. *Sam Saves the Mansion* is her first published work of fiction.

Access KY Core Academic Standards [here](#).

Access KY Library Media Standards [here](#).

Kentucky schools implemented new science standards this year. See the **2014 Outstanding Science Trade Books for Students K-12** at the link below for ideas to enhance your library collection.

<http://www.nsta.org/publications/ostb/ostb2014.aspx>

FEATURED BLOG POST***Dangerously Irrelevant Blog***

“Project-based learning: We can do better than sugar cube pyramids”

Click [here](#).

FEATURED PD360/Edivation RESOURCES**Copyright Series**

“Definition and Overview”

Click [here](#).

“Law/Fair Use”

Click [here](#).

FEATURED VIDEO RESOURCE

(Provided by Julie Hobbs)

“Fiction Book Genres – What is Science Fiction?”

Click [here](#).

**FIRST LADY ANNOUNCES 2014
WINTER READING LIST**

In an effort to increase youth readership, First Lady Jane Beshear recently announced her Top 10 Winter Reads as part of the First Lady’s Reading Recommendations Initiative. “Winter’s dreary weather provides a perfect opportunity for children to discover new lessons and adventures through reading,” Mrs. Beshear said.

“Students who enjoy reading are more likely to be engaged in the classroom, resulting in higher retention rates, positive test scores and an increased desire to pursue postsecondary education. Whether it is a selection from this list, or one of your personal favorites, give the gift of literature this season to a young reader in your life.”

The books included on Mrs. Beshear’s Winter Reading List are:

- *No Two Alike* by Keith Baker (ages infant-5)
- *The Phantom Tollbooth* by Norton Juster (ages 9-12)
- *The Snow Queen* by Hans Christian Anderson (ages 4-8)
- *Shiver* by Maggie Steifvater (ages 13 and up)
- *Jack Jouett – Portrait of an American Hero* by Martha Jane Hutcherson (ages 8-12)
- *Girl on a Wire* by Gwendal Bond (ages 12 and up)
- *Bear Snores On* by Karma Wilson (ages infant-5)
- *I am Malala: How One Girl Stood Up for Education and Changed the World (Young Readers Edition)* by Malala Yousafzai (ages 10 and up)
- *Llama Llama Holiday Drama* by Anna Dewdney (ages 3-5)
- *My Penguin Osbert* by Elizabeth Cody Kimmel (ages 4-8)

LETTERS ABOUT LITERATURE ESSAY CONTEST

Letters About Literature (LAL) is a reading and writing contest for students in grades 4-12. Students are asked to read a book, poem or speech and write to that author (living or dead) about how the book affected them personally.

Students in grades 4-12 are eligible to enter the Letters About Literature reading and writing contest. Each participating state center has its own panel of judges who select the top essayists in the state. State winners will receive a cash award and advance to the national-level judging. A panel of national judges for the Center for the Book in the Library of Congress will select one national winner per competition level to receive a \$1,000 cash award.

For more information, visit the LAL website: <http://www.read.gov/letters/>

AASL’s Best Websites for Teaching and Learning 2014: Click [here](#).
AASL’s Best Apps for Teaching and learning 2014: Click [here](#).



Participate in the Twitter Chat for
KY Librarians: **#KyLChat**

Watch the KYLMS listserv for dates and times each month.

KY School Library Media News Archives

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AASL Crosswalks

[English/language arts](#)

[Reading Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies](#)

[Reading Standards for Literacy in Science & Technical Subjects](#)

[Writing Standards for Literacy in HSST Subjects](#)

[Mathematics](#)



Professional Organizations

Kentucky Association of School Librarians (KASL)
<http://www.kysma.org/KASL/Welcome.html>

Kentucky Library Association (KLA)
www.kylibasn.org/

American Association of School Librarians (AASL)
www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/aasl

American Library Association (ALA)
www.ala.org

Kentucky Reading Association (KRA)
www.kyreading.org

KYVL – KCAS Resources

[KYVL and KY Core Academic Standards K-5](#)

[KYVL and KY Core Academic Standards 6-12](#)

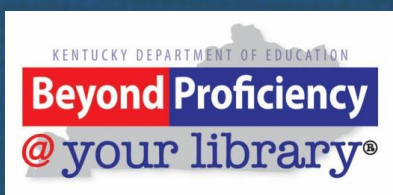
[Kentuckiana Digital Library](#)

Kentucky Virtual Library ([KYVL](#))



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